

MEMORANDUM

To: Parties to PSB Docket No. 7466 (EEU Structure)

From: Susan M. Hudson, Clerk of the Board

Re: Progress Report and Department Proposal

Date: December 4, 2008

On December 1, 2008, the Department of Public Service ("Department") filed with the Public Service Board ("Board") a progress report on the settlement negotiations in the above-referenced proceeding.

The Department is proposing that it retain the services of a consultant with expertise in the area of public energy efficiency programs in order to properly evaluate the proposed Energy Efficiency Utility ("EEU") structure. The Department contends that the retention of an expert consultant would help ensure full assessment of all issues, and would give the State confidence that a new structure is robust.

The Department requests that the Board grant the Department and the parties an additional six months to work on these issues and set a deadline of June of 2009 for the parties to file a status report, with a status conference to follow shortly thereafter.

Any comments regarding the Department's proposal to extend the schedule to provide time for it to hire a consultant to evaluate the proposed EEU structure should be filed with the Board and the EEU e-mail distribution list by December 10, 2008.